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SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS: ROMANIAN SHORT-TERM LECTURERS

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1. CIES HAS CAREFULLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY REVIEWED NOMINATIONS FOR CHITORAN, ANGHEL AND DINCA AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT THEY CANNOT BE PLACED FOR FALL SEMESTER AS REQUESTED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS.

--BECAUSE OF SHORT LEAD TIME AND FACT THAT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES ARE NOT IN FULL SESSION DURING SUMMER IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE PLACEMENTS NOW FOR FALL SEMESTER.

--PERIOD OF TIME PROPOSED IS UNSATISFACTORY, BEING LONGER THAN PERIOD SUGGESTED FOR SHORT-TERM DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR CATEGORY (SEE REFTEL B) AND SHORTER THAN PERIOD NEEDED UNDER REGULAR LECTURING PROGRAM.

--UNDER ANY ACADEMIC PROGRAM, SCHOLARS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEND MAJOR PORTION OF THEIR STAY AT ONE INSTITUTION RATHER THAN HOP AROUND AS ROMANIANS PROPOSE TO DO.

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2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH CIES AND BELIEVES ROMANIANS MAY

BE MIXING PROPOSAL FOR SHORT TERM LECTURER EXCHANGE (REFTEL B) WITH PROPOSAL FOR 3 MONTH RESEARCH GRANTS WHICH SURFACED AT REVIEW TALKS. AS EMBASSY WILL RECALL, SHORT TERM LECTURER PROPOSAL WAS FOR ONE MONTH, AT ONE INSTITUTION AND REQUIRED ENGLISH. RESEARCH GRANTS PROPOSED WAS FOR 90 DAYS, AND BASICALLY AT ONE INSTITUTION AS WELL.

3. IN DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL AND TO SEEK PLACEMENT AT LATER DATE, CIES AND DEPARTMENT NEED TO KNOW FOLLOWING.

--ARE ROMANIANS AVAILABLE FOR SECOND SEMESTER

--ARE THEY WILLING TO HAVE BASIC AFFILIATION WITH ONE INSTITUTION

--IS THEIR PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY FLEXIBLE, I.E. UP TO A FULL SEMESTER

--CAN THOSE WHO ARE WEAK IN ENGLISH IMPROVE SUFFICIENTLY BY SECOND SEMESTER TO MAKE LECTURING A PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY? WE CANNOT PROVIDE ENGLISH TRAINING FOR LECTURERS, AND LECTURING IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE HERE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

--ARE ANY OR ALL OF THE THREE ROMANIANS INTERESTED IN A THREE-MONTH RESEARCH APPOINTMENT? IF SO, DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH IS NECESSARY TO SECURE PLACEMENT. AGAIN, AFFILIATION MUST BE BASICALLY WITH ONE INSTITUTION WITH MINIMUM VISITS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS DURING SHORT (90 DAY) STAY. ROBINSON

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